

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-33 (canceled).

34. (currently amended) A process for preparing acarbose, comprising the steps of:

- (i) transforming a host cell with a recombinant DNA molecule which comprises acarbose-synthesizing genes, and
- (ii) culturing said host cell under conditions such that said DNA molecule is expressed, and said acarbose is synthesized, and
- (iii) isolating said acarbose from culture supernatants of said host cell, wherein said DNA molecule is selected from the group consisting of (a) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7; (b) a nucleotide sequence which is capable of hybridizing, under stringent conditions, with the sequence of SEQ ID NO:7; (c) ~~nucleotides 1-720 of SEQ ID NO:7;~~ (d) ~~nucleotides 720-2006 of SEQ ID NO:7;~~ (e) ~~nucleotides 2268-3332 of SEQ ID NO:7;~~ (f) ~~nucleotides 3332-4306 of SEQ ID NO:7;~~ (g) ~~nucleotides 4380-5414 of SEQ ID NO:7;~~ and (h) ~~nucleotides 5676-6854 of SEQ ID~~

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NO:7 and (c) a nucleotide sequence which, because of
the degeneracy of the genetic code differs from the
nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 , but which permits
the expression of a protein which can be expressed using
SEQ ID NO:7.

35. (previously presented) A process for preparing acarbose according to Claim 34, wherein said host cell is selected from the group consisting of *E. coli*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Streptomyces*, *Actinoplanes*, *Ampullariella* or *Streptosporangium* strains, *Streptomyces hygroscopicus* var. *limoneus* or *Streptomyces glaucescens*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Penicillium chrysogenum* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

36-48. (canceled).